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- A. To give maximum prestige and authority to GDR regime.
- B. Keyed to GDR party congress to impress membership with authority of regime.
- C. Indicates Soviet misgivings about unity as anti-EDC weapon.

II. Impact in East Germany.

- A. Strengthen present leadership of Communist Party (SED).
- B. End of popular hope for unification. Passive resignation expected.
- C. Retention of High Commissioner to maintain contacts with West assures that agreements such as that on Berlin access rights will not be disturbed.
- D. Soviet forces will remain in GDR, and GDR will apparently continue to pay occupation costs.
- E. USSR will attempt to induce Western recognition of GDR.
- F. Demand for all-German talks will dominate unity pronouncements.

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